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Dear Attorney General Ashcroft:

As a Microsoft user and stockholder (only 100 shares), I have followed with interest this ongoing anti-trust case for the past few years. I must say I was heartened when it seemed to be reaching final resolution. But, like many other disputes, it seems to be taking on a life of its own, with some groups unwilling to accept the resolution that both the U.S. Government and Microsoft have agreed upon.

I feel that Microsoft is a strong, innovative leader in the computer industry and that the growth of its company has been very positive for the employment picture in the Seattle area and elsewhere. It seems to me that the beginning of the downtrend of technology stocks in the Nasdaq correlates to the beginning of the Microsoft anti-trust suit approximately 2 1/2 years ago. Conversely, seeing a true end to this conflict could bring a much-needed rally to that segment of our economy.

I have always felt that Microsoft's competitors saw a chance to weaken a strong competitor by crying "monopoly", and, had they spent the time improving their own products over the past few years that they have spent accusing Microsoft, there would be no possibility of monopoly by anyone in the computer/software industry.

I believe Microsoft has agreed to the terms of the settlement proposed by the U.S. Government. It seems they are trying to act in good faith. Hopefully we can close the book on this litigation and move forward. As a country, we seem to have many, many more serious problems to deal with in 2002.

Thank you for your kind attention to this matter.

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